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In Re Application of : April 14, 2004  
J. P. Brezin, et al : Group Art No.: 2172  
Serial No. 09/282,860 : Examiner: J. Fluerantin  
Filed: March 31, 1999 : for IBM Corporation  
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Title: OPTIMIZATION OF SYSTEM 3173 Cedar Road  
PERFORMANCE BASED ON Yorktown Heights, NY 10598  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner of Patents  
Sir:

This Amendment After Final is being filed in response to the  
Final Office Action dated January 14, 2004 for the  
above-identified patent application. In response to the Office  
Action, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of  
Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 11.

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